

Remarks

As required, Applicants have made an election of invention and election of species.

Claim 11 reads on the elected species and claims 1-10, 13-15, and 18-24 are generic to the elected species.

The requirement for election of species is traversed, and reconsideration is respectfully requested. It is felt that a search of the classes appropriate to the elected species and claims 1-11, 13-15, and 18-24 would include the Patent Office classes in which the non-elected species and claim 12 would be searched.

Conclusion

It is respectfully urged that the claims now pending before the Examiner are in condition for allowance. A notification of allowability is respectfully solicited.

If any questions or issues remain, the resolution of which the Examiner feels would be advanced by a conference with applicant's attorney, the Examiner is invited to contact such attorney at the telephone number noted below.

Respectfully submitted,

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